

REMARKS

Favorable consideration of this application, as presently amended, is respectfully requested.

The present Preliminary Amendment is submitted to place the above-identified application in more proper format under United States practice.

By the present Preliminary Amendment original Claims 1-26 are cancelled and new Claims 27-56 are presented for examination. New Claims 27-56 are deemed to be self-evident from the original disclosure, including the original claims, and thus are not deemed to raise any issues of new matter. Any differences between new Claims 27-56 and original Claims 1-26 are believed to at most broaden the scope of new Claims 27-56.

The Abstract has also been amended by the present response to delete legal phraseology, to be in the form of a single paragraph, and to make other minor clarifications.

The present application is believed to be in condition for a full and thorough examination on the merits. An early and favorable consideration of the present application is hereby respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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1-2-2002IN THE CLAIMS

Claims 1-26 (Cancelled).

Claims 27-56 (New).

IN THE ABSTRACT

Please amend the Abstract on page 34 as follows:

--ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

Process and device for depositing, by electron cyclotron resonance plasma, a web of carbon nanofibres or nanotubes, on a substrate without a catalyst, by injection of a microwave power into a deposition chamber [comprising] including a magnetic structure with a highly unbalanced magnetic mirror and at least one electron cyclotron resonance zone within the interior of the [said] deposition chamber itself and opposite the [said] substrate[, in which, under]. Under a pressure of less than 10^{-4} mbar, [the] ionization and[]/[] or dissociation of a gas containing carbon is induced in the [said] magnetic mirror in the [centre] center of the deposition chamber, thus producing species that deposit on the [said] substrate, which is heated. A resulting film, which may be on a substrate, can be formed from a web or a network of interconnected carbon nanofibres or nanotubes, like a spider's web, the [said] film being exempt of a catalyst and a structure of several layers - a multi-layer structure - [comprising] including at least two layers of a web of carbon nanofibres or

nanotubes, as well as filters, electron accelerating or decelerating nanogrids and flat screens
[comprising] including such films or structures.

[No figure.]--

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